

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Federal and state mandates require all students to have access to and make academic progress in the general curriculum; and
- WHEREAS,** Significant attention and resources have been allocated in Louisiana to address accessibility issues through the creation of various statewide initiatives, including but not limited to the Universal Design for Learning and Assistive Technology, which are designed to support educators in addressing students with a variety of learning styles, differences, and abilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Advances in curriculum resources and Internet tools that promise greater opportunities to students can become barriers to learning if the resources and tools are not accessible to all learners; and
- WHEREAS,** Universal access to the curriculum requires the involvement of all stakeholders, including policymakers, educational leaders, teachers, parents, curriculum publishers, etc; and
- WHEREAS,** All students can be active learners in Louisiana's curriculum without any barriers; and
- WHEREAS,** The citizens of Louisiana join with the administrators of all school systems and teachers to encourage the state of Louisiana to increase the awareness of and funding for accessibility for all learners, which include curriculum resources, Internet tools, and governing policies.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the week of September 11-15, 2006 as

LOUISIANA ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS WEEK

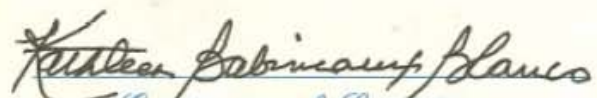
in the State of Louisiana, and encourage all school districts to identify and implement strategies that draw attention to the importance of all students having access to and making academic progress in the general curriculum.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 14th day of July
A.D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana